

CHRYSLER BUILDING

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Tower Height of 808 Feet Surpasses Woolworth Structure by Sixteen Feet.

With the recent completion of the steel work to the top of the Chrysler tower, the Chrysler Building now enjoys the distinction of being the tallest building in the world. Rising sixty-eight stories above the street level, it is 808 feet in height, surpassing the 792-foot elevation of the Woolworth Building by 16 feet.

This greatest height distinction, however, is not likely to be held very long, as the Bank of Manhattan Building on Wall Street is rapidly ascending to its maximum height, which, according to the architects' plans, will be about 840 feet high.

The Chrysler Building, however, will probably hold the honor of being the tallest edifice in the midtown centre for a few years at least. It occupies a choice plot in the heart of the Grand Central zone, covering the block front on the easterly side of Lexington Avenue between Forty-second and Forty-third Streets, with entrances to the Lexington Avenue subway in the basement of the structure.

The main entrance lobby, opening on Lexington Avenue, is fan-shaped, providing convenient access to the thirty-two elevators. The speed of the elevators running to the tower floors will be approximately 1,000 feet a minute. In the dome of the tower will be an enclosed observation gallery, providing on clear days a view of the surrounding metropolitan territory within a radius of 100 miles.

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